A phenol derivative represented by the general formula:

HO CH₃ O Z (S) N

wherein the carbon atom marked with (S) represents a carbon atom in S configuration; Z is the group represented by the formula:



or the formula:



- wherein the carbon atom marked with (R) represents a carbon atom in R configuration.
 - 2. A phenol derivative as claimed in claim 1 wherein ${\bf Z}$ is the group represented by the formula stated bellow.

15 3. A phenol derivative as claimed in claim 1 wherein Z is the group represented by the formula:



wherein the carbon atom marked with (R) represents a carbon atom in R configuration.

20 4. A method to produce a phenol derivative represented by the formula:

(wherein the carbon atom marked with (R) represents a carbon atom in R configuration, and the carbon atom marked (S) represents a carbon atom in S configuration) which comprises catalytic hydrogenating a phenol derivative represented by the formula:

wherein a carbon atom marked with (S) have the same meaning as defined above.

10 5. A method to produce a phenol derivative represented by the formula:

(wherein the carbon atom marked with (R) represents a carbon atom in R configuration, and the carbon atom marked (S) represents a carbon atom in S configuration) which comprises removing the phtaloyl group of a phenol derivative represented

by the formula:

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wherein the carbon atoms marked with (R) and (S) have the same 20 meanings as defined above.